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Applicants : Gregory H. Lambrecht et al.  
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MANIPULATING  
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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with two (2) references.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

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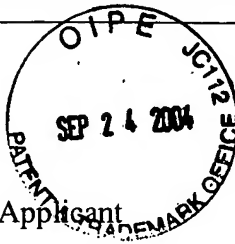
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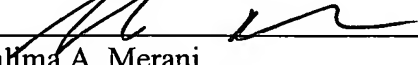
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Dear Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,  
KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

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